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MILITARY CAPTURES SOME 1000 ANTI-CASTROITES

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(Text) In an interview published by the Havana newspaper HOY, Maj. Lizardo Proenza, the chief of the military organization entitled "Struggle Against Bandits" (LCB), told about the activities of the military force under his command against the enemies of the revolution. This organization was created in July 1962 when several counter-revolutionary bands, armed and organized by the U.S. Government Central Intelligence Agency, tried to carry on a guerrilla war in the Escambray Mountains in central Cuba.

In four and a half years of efforts, more than 1,000 counterrevolutionary worms have been captured. Unable to make headway as guerrillas against an armed people, they devoted their efforts to assassinate peasants. Maj. Lizardo Poenza is a hearty peasant, 39, who fought in Sierra Maestra in the column commanded by Camilo Cienfuegos against Batista's tyranny. This experienced guerrilla fighter explained: "This military organization called Struggle Against Bandits is peasant in nature, completely peasant. The enemies of the revolution clashed against this bulwark of revolutionary men. The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency armed and organized them.

"Their weapons also fell into the hands of the revolutionary forces who dispersed and captured the counterrevolutionary bands." Then he added: "They, the counter-revolutionaries, could not understand that it was impossible to wage guerrilla warfare against an armed people without the support of the people. They then devoted their efforts to assassinate peasants only because they sympathized with the revolution and refused to be bribed."

Maj. Lizardo Proenza talked about the valiant men who fell during the struggle against the counterrevolutionaries. He said that all men who make up the military organization which he heads eagerly await the historic date of 26 July to celebrate the victory over the enemies of the revolution.